



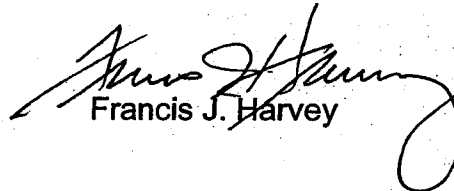
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Terminating the Army Business Initiative Council (ABIC)

1. Since its inception over four years ago, the Army Business Initiative Council provided a forum for the identification, rapid approval, and implementation of a wide range of process improvement initiatives. In September of last year, I established the Senior Review Group for Business Transformation (SRG-BT). Co-chaired by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller) (ASA(FM&C)) and the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army, the SRG-BT is responsible for synchronizing and integrating business transformation efforts throughout the Army.
2. Given the overarching mission and responsibilities of the SRG-BT, I have decided to fold the ABIC into the SRG-BT. The ASA (FM&C) will coordinate the necessary actions to close out the ABIC. Current open ABIC actions will be reassigned to Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) functional staff proponents for further coordination and action. The SRG-BT will provide oversight for these actions as needed. Future business transformation initiatives should be submitted through your organization's Lean Six Sigma process.
3. I want to extend my appreciation to the ASA(FM&C) and the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, for overseeing the Council since its inception; to the commanders of subordinate commands and agencies who submitted initiatives; and to the HQDA Staff who developed, evaluated and implemented numerous business changing initiatives.
4. I solicit and encourage all of you to continue and expand on the work catalyzed by the ABIC effort as we move forward to transform the Army's business processes.


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